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AA Sox host double-header Provincials

Bantams win gold by a single point, Mosquitoes accept first-ever provincial medals



DOUG BASSETT
Review Sports

Wow...how about this.... Elk Point Sox host bantam and mosquitoes provincial finals and both teams win a medal! Three days, five games for the Bantam Sox, the AA Tier 5 provincial gold medal champions. Three days and four games for the Mosquitoes Sox and they came up with the provincial silver medal in the AA Tier 4 division.

How sweet it is, winning at home is the icing on the cake.

The Bantams had so many great plays and so many big hits, but how are we going to mention them all? But here's just a few. A very fine performance by the tournament MVP, pitcher Cody 'the Babe' Fairbairn who pitched the complete final game and was lights out, allowing only three runs, the Sox scoring four against the Chestermere Crushers ace Max Kathol to win it all. Dalton '007' Reed also did an awesome job pitching in the round robin portion, getting a big win against Chestermere, as did 'Hammering Hank' Rogal in the first game against Fort Saskatchewan and Colton 'Colt 45' Van Maarion against Camrose.

It was very special and the first time that any Elk Point Mosquitoes team has won a provincial medal. Pitcher Sam 'the Spiderman' Rogal winning the first game over South Jasper Place, then Vaughn 'the Vulture' Ockerman pitching against the Strathmore Reds, losing 11 to 9 but still close enough to get first place in their pool and into the semi final game against Barrhead.

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PROVINCIAL GOLD MEDALLISTS - Elk Point AA Bantam Sox won a nail-biter by a single point over Chestermere Crushers in Sunday afternoon's Tier 5 Provincial final, with Cody Fairbairn, who pitched the entire game, named the Sox MVP. Charlie Rogal, Dalton Reed, Danny Cardinal, Ethan Vasseur, Hank Rogal, Graham Broda, Broedie Rue, Evan Gamache, Evan Ockerman, Colton van Maarion, Ty Smereka, Colton McLean and Lane Peters all played roles in this weekend's success for the team, which is coached by Jon Shapka, Tad Reed and Dean Rogal and managed by Bonnie Fairbairn.

Summer decisions keep council hard at work

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

It may be mid-summer, but there's no vacation for Elk Point's hardworking town council, who considered skipping one of their August council meetings, but decided instead to just add any public works issues to the two agendas instead of holding the usual separate meeting for the Public Works committee next month.

Business as usual saw council give second and third readings to two borrowing bylaws, one renewing their loan guarantee on the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce loan and one allowing them to refinance existing debt to reduce financing costs.

The cost-conscious council also chose the most reasonable option of two quotes received, choosing one offered

by Knotty Boyz Embroidery and Gifts, for a council plaque bearing their names and photo, which will be hung in the council chambers.

Letter of support

Council agreed in principle to send a letter of support for a grant application being made by the Elk Point Pickleball Club for an Alberta Blue Cross Community Grant to assist with the construction of their new outdoor court, pending administration's review of their grant application.

Potential merger

Council also agreed to send a letter of support regarding a resolution to explore the potential merger of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties into one association that would represent all Alberta municipalities.

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STREET SHAVE - Pavement along the new sidewalks on the Railway Ave. walking trail extension required a close shave in spots last week, to make it line up with the newly installed curb and gutter and maintain the required slope for drainage.

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Town council

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High speed Internet

A letter from MP Shannon Stubbs was brought before council, asking for a map of the region showing areas that currently do not have Internet speeds of at least 50 megabits per second for downloading data and 10 megabits per second for uploading, levels of service that the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) aims to ensure is provided across Canada. While Elk Point does have Internet service, those speeds are not available locally, and Mayor Parrish Tung agreed to send the MP a letter to that effect.

Budget tweaking

Council approved an update of the 2017 capital budget to reflect the purchase of the rubber tired excavator and the controls and variable speed pumps for the water treatment plant.

Rezoning

First reading was given to an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw, rezoning a 1.882-acre parcel of town-owned land at the northeast corner of the Elk Point Agricultural Society grounds from Industrial (M) District to Community (P) District. Once rezoned, the land is to be consolidated with the parcel owned by the Agricultural Society. CAO Ken Gwozdz said notice of the rezoning will be posted adjacent to the parcel, as per Municipal Government Act regulations, rather than advertising the change.

Shared data

Council passed an agreement to share GIS data provided by the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority that the town requires.

Summer Games

While council said they appreciated the invitation by the Town of St. Paul to join that municipality in a bid to host the 2020 Alberta Summer Games, they did

not feel they were financially able to co-host the event. Should St. Paul be successful in their bid, council said they are welcome to approach Elk Point organizations regarding use of their facilities as games venues.

New bench

Council agreed to support a motion coming from the Public Works meeting, allowing a memorial bench honouring the memory of Kenny Stewart to be situated along the walking trail near the cemetery, the cost of the bench to be covered by Mike Metz.

Change required

Council learned at last week's meeting that variations in existing asphalt levels on Railway Ave. will need to be addressed to agree with the newly installed curb and gutter, which is set at a constant grade to maintain drainage. This could increase the cost of the walking trail extension by slightly over \$11,000. Council agreed to the change, after studying the project budget in detail.

Remediation Certificate

A lengthy draft of remediation certificate regulations was received from Alberta Environment and Park, asking for council's review and feedback by Aug. 9. Town administration was directed to contact the AUMA asking for additional time to review the material.

Astronaut

Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich brought council a request from local residents to host a meet and greet for newly appointed Canadian astronaut Joshua Kutryk, who lived and attended school in Elk Point some years ago, if such an event can be arranged. Mayor Tung will contact the appropriate agencies to determine if such an event is possible, and when it could take place, and council passed a motion to budget \$500 for an event if it can occur.

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SILVER MEDALISTS - Coaches Dennell Anderson, Blair Sinclair and (not shown) Tyler Warawa and manager Margaret Bayduza congratulated the Mosquito Sox on their silver medal win, the first provincial medals ever won by an Elk Point Mosquito team.

Medals

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Ryker Neumeier pitched for the win in the semi, sending it to the finals, where the 'Mighty Casey' Warawa would start, Koltin Davis finishing, the Sox coming up just a little short and winning the silver medal.

A big thanks going out to everyone who helped in any way and there are lots of them, concession workers, grounds crew, score keepers, pitch counters, announcers, coaches and

players and parents, and special thanks to minor ball president Dennell Anderson, our treasurer Margaret Bayduza, and head scorekeeper Brienne Greening for doing all the communications, collections and recording all the important documents that are required for tie breakers, etc.

And over in St. Paul on the weekend, playing in the AA Midget Tier 3 tournament, the Bonnyville Braves with two Elk Point players, Kaiden 'K Rock' Evans Anderson and Brayden

'Magnet' Fairbairn won a gold medal.



'K ROCK' was also named the MVP of the tournament for his outstanding plays in the infield.



DRAYTON VALLEY GIANTS (above) won the Mosquito gold and Chestermere Crushers (right) won Midget silver.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "When you are playing for the national championship, it's not a matter of life and death. It's more important than that." - Duffy Daugherty



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While the deals are not to be missed, people purchasing furniture are also contributing to a good cause, in supporting St. Paul Abilities Network (SPAN) clients.

girls appreciate our help," he said, explaining that helping to volunteer makes him feel "complete."

"St. Paul was built on volunteerism, for our children, and for our clubs," he said, adding, "It's very rewarding when we get recognized."

"This was a once in a lifetime opportunity. It just kind of happened out of the blue," said manager Tammy Yuschyshyn, explaining that the profits from the business support programming for people with disabilities, which is how SPAN is reducing its dependence on government funding and taxpayers.

"We are a social enterprise, which is key," said Yuschyshyn, explaining that the profits from the business support programming for people with disabilities, which is how SPAN is reducing its dependence on government funding and taxpayers.

Next to New also supports the community in other ways, supplying clothing to women in need at the crisis centre, donating goods to people who have been victims of crime or crisis, including the Fort McMurray and Slave Lake fires, and donating to schools and local fundraisers.

Now, the Next To New Store is looking to move on these pieces, selling them for a fraction of what it would cost at any other retail store, as Yuschyshyn explains, "We have priced everything for liquidation clear-out."

Several individuals with disabilities volunteer in the store, contributing to the community and developing social and work skills.

Among the volunteers is Raymond Berlinguette, a member of SPAN's Strides program. Among Next to New's social goals is to work on recycling and reducing waste, and Berlinguette says he helps with this recycling program.

People can check out samples of the assembled furniture at the Next to New Store Warehouse in St. Paul.

Among the goals for the store, says Yuschyshyn is "to offer the community as a whole, an affordable, diverse, unique shopping experience." By shopping at and supporting the Next to New Store, you are giving back to our community and assisting our vulnerable population in their goals to contribute in a meaningful way.



Donna Ulliach, Chance Johnson, Lyle Roadhouse, and Raymond Berlinguette sitting at the table having coffee



Lyle Roadhouse and Raymond Berlinguette putting bags of used clothing into the truck

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EDITORIAL

Have fun, play safe!

We have another long weekend coming up in just four days, and it's a sure bet that everyone will be out having fun at a huge range of activities.

There's definitely a variety of activities on the calendar for the weekend, from the rodeo and Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association races at Frog Lake, where the drivers will get to try out that handsome new track, to the tremendously popular two-day Haying in the 30s cancer fundraiser at Mallaig, which has all sorts of old time fun for the whole family, from farming demonstrations to great entertainment and great food.

Many will use the extra time off to go camping, fishing, ATV touring or enjoying water sports, while others will get together with relatives near and far for family reunions.

Whatever you do, please stay safe. Wear your helmet, wear your life jacket, wear your seat belt, as the case may be for whatever you're doing. Drive and operate your boat, quad or other conveyance safely. We want to talk to you, not about what happened to you, in our next issue. Have a great weekend!

RECREATION CORNER

Olivia Rose's music video moves on in competition

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The music video for Olivia Rose's song, **Hometown Sundowns**, debuted on Monday July 24, through the Telus Storyhive competition. The young artist, who spent most of her childhood in Elk Point, shot the video after winning round one of the Storyhive competition, based on fans votes. Now, she needs your votes again, as the video goes to round two and is up for grant money to help the artist distribute the song.

"It was so much fun! Being able to shoot in Elk Point was a dream come true," says Olivia, "That's obviously where I got my start and I knew I always wanted to go back and do something." Olivia says the song was written about her hometown and it made perfect sense to return to shoot the video in the town of 1,700 people. The idea sparked while playing Canada Day in 2016. "I performed for Canada Day [in Elk Point] last year and it felt really good. Anything I get to do back there is awesome."

One of her favourite parts was being able to check out the old hangouts, "I was able to go to Burger Bar and hang out with René for a while. We went out to the granary and we shot the bulk of it out by Stoney Lake." Some family friends and Elk Point people, came out to Stoney Lake to be in the campfire scene. There's other actors involved in the story, as it centers around a single mother and a soldier.

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The singer, who just turned 18 and graduated high school says she's taking a year to discover what's next for her career. "I'm taking the year off, with the support of my parents. They want me to continue with my singing career, so they're helping me a lot."

"I just found out that I'm going to be performing on Via Rail! It goes all the way across Canada, they hired me as a performer." Much like a cruise line performer, Olivia will travel on the train across the country singing and performing along the way, two or three times a day. Olivia says there's some talk about doing another video shoot for her new single, **Raised like a Saint**; which will be coming out in October.



WAY BACK WHEN...

Bicentennial, Potta Trail and potential developers

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1987

The sun shone on the Ladies', Seniors' and Juniors' golf tournament, where Geralyn Sylvestre, Bill Milholland and Blaine McLaughlin won the trophies. Town council rethought a total parking ban on 57th Ave and agreed to allow parking on the south side of the avenue.

1992



BICENTENNIAL KEEPSAKE - Sherry and Billie Milholland show off the Bicentennial quilt their mother, Barbara, made in 1992.

What a weekend! The Bicentennial celebration for Fort George and Buckingham House was a tremendous success, with over 400 descendants of Peter Fidler attending a reunion, commemorative mail arriving by wagon train, a potter, a Métis sash weaver and a display of early Canadian-style crafts from Manitoba

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all part of a massive art and craft show and even a best-dressed contest for local businesses as pat of the weekend. Black powder enthusiasts set up an authentic camp and held a shooting competition at the Forts as part of the celebration.

1997

Elk Point had a new official population count of 1,492 people, declared at their July 14 town council meeting. For the first time in recent history, Elk Point was sending a team to the World Series of minor ball, with the Elk Point Midget White Sox, coached by Marshall Myshaniuk and Rene deMoissac and managed by Doug Bassett, heading to Consort for Provincials.

2002

Potta Trail Days celebrated Métis culture at Riel Beach campsite, with Red River cart rides, wild mint tea, fiddle music and traditional games enjoyed by all who attended. Floor curlers Bernice Bykowsky, Anita Ballas, Violet Miller and Helga Vaughan won floor curling gold at Zone 7 Senior Games, while Roland Gascon won silver and Ernie Poitras bronze in golf and Del Smith bronze in bowling.

2007

Potential developers from Winalta Inc. gave town council a heaping helping of food for thought as they introduced plans to put three homes in place by the end of August and 20 within the next year in the new residential subdivision. Ernie Poitras won an Alberta Senior Games silver medal, not in golf but in visual arts, for his moose horn carving of a chuckwagon outfit, and Millie Orr won bronze with one of seven entries in the mixed media crafts division.

2012

Millie Orr picked up her second annual Grand Aggregate award at the Elk Point Agricultural Society Craft and Horticultural Show, collecting a fat sheaf of prize ribbons and section awards in Canning and House Plants along the way. The official results of the town-conducted census were released showing a population of 1,571, 11.2 per cent higher than the 1,412 in the 2011 federal census, and showing 5.6 per cent growth since the 2006 census.

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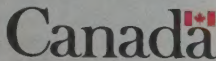
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Stoney Lake added to blue green algae advisory

JANICE HUSER
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Since June, Alberta Health Services (AHS) has released a number of advisories for blue green algae. A handful of those advisories are for lakes in the Lakeland area.

Most recently, an AHS advisory was sent out for Stoney Lake on Thursday afternoon. Kehewin and Garner Lake were also added to the list of lakes with active advisories in July, along with Lac La Biche. Earlier in the season, Vincent Lake and Moose Lake were noted to have blue green algae too.

Patrick Hanington, PhD, Associate Professor School of Public Health at the University of Alberta says a lot of work is being done in Alberta in regards to research on cyanobacteria. For example, the School of Public Health is working on developing DNA based detection tests for the bacteria, which would essentially make testing for the algae that produce toxins easier.

Along with detection tests for cyanobacteria, tests for swimmer's itch and invasive zebra mussels are also on the radar at the U of A. While mussels aren't necessarily a public health concern, they're a huge economic concern because of the damage they can cause to infrastructure around lakes, says Hanington.

When it comes to cyanobacteria and blue green algae, Hanington says the best advice he can offer people is to heed the advisories that are released by AHS, and stay out of the water if anything looks odd.

He admits that it is a challenge to keep people out of the water, and people feel frustrated when they are

on holidays or are spending time at a lake lot, and are told they shouldn't go in the water.

He adds, "It can be hard to visually understand what part of the lake has the risk associated with it." While blue green algae blooms can be very visible, it's when the bacteria die that the toxin is released, which isn't as visible. Also, algae blooms can move around a lake. "Caution is always a good idea."

Hanington adds that the risk to pets and small children is higher, since they are more likely to ingest the water, rather than just come in contact with potential toxins on their skin. While skin contact with cyanobacteria usually just means an itchy rash, ingesting the toxins lead to significant complications.

Hanington explains that when a lake is used for recreational purposes, the threshold for cyanobacteria is quite high. Drinking water standards are exceeded by quite a bit when AHS posts and advisory on a lake that is being used recreationally, which means ingesting the water if it has cyanobacteria, can be dangerous.

Another issue that people contact while enjoying local lakes is swimmer's itch, which Hanington says is completely unrelated to blue green algae.

"They are two completely different things."

While both cyanobacteria and swimmer's itch can cause a rash, they are distinctly different. Swimmer's itch is caused by a parasite from a snail that is looking for a host bird. When the parasite comes in contact with a human, it'll try to infect the person, but it can't, and instead it causes itchy red bumps.

In both cases, Hanington advises not to scratch the rash, even though it can be itchy.

"As soon as you break the skin, that leads to a root for secondary infection," says Hanington. For swimmer's itch, the rash can take up to two weeks to go away. He notes that there is a website — www.swimmersitch.ca — that collects information on the topic.

Hanington says he's seen some pretty severe cases of swimmer's itch rash, through his work. He recommends people do a test run when going into the water, and enter just up to their knees at first for about 10 minutes. Then, exit the water for about 10 or 15 minutes, and see if any red bumps appear.

While this isn't foolproof, it can sometimes help warn people of anything that might be in the water.

Overall, both blue green algae and swimmer's itch are "naturally occurring" in many Alberta lakes. "It's just something that we have here in the lakes." He adds that neither swimmer's itch nor cyanobacteria are indicative of poor water quality.

"People need to understand that a nice, natural lake can often include these things, and many Alberta lakes don't look like swimming pools."



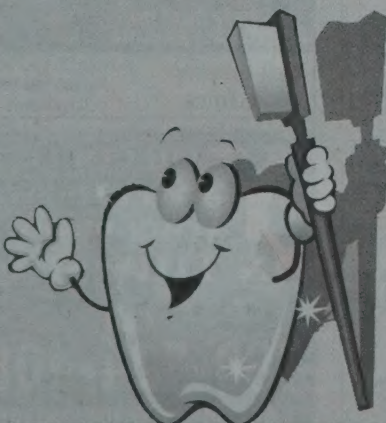
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Sale Location: From Lloydminster, 21 Miles North on Hwy 17 to Sec Hwy 797, 2 Miles East, North Side. **EQUIPMENT:** 7320 JD Tractor (2003, FWA, 741 Loader)* 4450 JD Tractor (1988, 2WD, Duals, 15600 Hrs. on Tack, Low Hrs. on a Rebuilt Motor, 158 JD Loader, 3PH)* McCormack Deering Tractor, (Standard 4, Saw Blade)* JD 2360 SP Swather (20' Double Swath)* NH 1475, 2300 Hydraswing Haybine* JD 535 Round Baler* NH TX66 Combine (1997, Big Topper Hopper, Rakeup Pickup)* NH 273 Square Baler* 256 Haybuster Bale Processor* Bale Stooker (On Wheels, 10)* (2) MF 852 PT Combines* JD Air Seeder (27' Flexicoil 1100 Grain Cart, Degelman Harrows, Valmar 1620 Applicator)* IH HD Cultivator (20', Morris Tine Harrows)* System 95 Flexicoil Harrow Packer Bar (40', 2 Yr. Old Harrows)* Schulte Rockpicker (Hyd. Drive, 3 Paddle)* Sakundiak Grain Auger (H08-1400, PTO)* Old Road Grader (Adam's Road Patrol) **TRUCKS & TRAILERS:** 2012 F350 Ford 1T. Lariat (Leather, Hidden Ball Hitch on Frame, 111000 Km)* 1979 GMC 6500 Grain Truck (Single Axle, 16' Box, Roll Tarp, Air Brakes)* 1963 Ford 1T. Fuel Truck (2-300 Gal. Tanks)* 1948? Fargo Truck (Duals)* Dodge Ram Van (Power Plant)* 1999 5th Wheel Corsiar Excella Model 30RKS (Ball Hitch Conversion)* 1995 Featherlite Stock Trailer (20')* Oil Tanker (For Water Hauling?) **GUNS & SPORTING EQUIP:** 2008 Camo Honda Rubicon (Trail Edition, 4300 Km)* Marlin 25M, (22 Cal. Magnum, 3-9x32 Bushnell Scope)* Safari Arms Ltd. 54 Cal. Black Powder Mussel Loader* Knight 50 Cal. Black Powder (Bushnell Elite 3200 Scope, 3-9x40)* Bear Trap (New House #5 or 6)* Remington Gamemaster 760 (3006 Pump Action)* Remington Wingmaster (12G., 870TC 2 3/4 Pump)* Remington Wingmaster (12G., 870, 2 3/4 Pump Action)* Mossberg 12G Over/Under, 2 3/4" & 3"* #12 Winchester (12G., 2 3/4 Pump) **SHOP & MISC:** Pressure Washer* Millermatic 251 Welder* Conveyor Belting* Assorted Shop & Power Tools* Combine Tires* Sucker Rod & Drill Stem* Slough Boy Floating Water Pump (New Hose)* Bolts & Brass Fittings* Slip Tank* Portable Lincoln Welder (250DC on Chevy 1/2T. Box Trailer, Cables) **LIVESTOCK & EQUIP:** (2) Roan Horses (Broke to drive, 1 Mare, 1 Gelding, 7&8 Yrs. Old)* Large Amount of Panels* (3) 30' Belt Feed Troughs* Democrat Buggy* Cutter* (5) Sets of Pack Saddles* Western, Pleasure & Stock Saddles* Harnesses, Collars & Hames* Waterproof Top Packs* Scotch Tops, Bridles, Halters, Lariats, Bells, Etc.* High Wheel Wooden Wagon (W/Pole, Exc. Cond.)* Wagon (Auto Steer Pole)* Old Buggy Parts **LEATHER EQUIP:** Spotting Machine/Riveter Punch Combo for Leather* Pearson Heavy Harness Sewing Machine* Singer Longarm Patcher Harness Sewing Machine* Osborne Leather Splitter* Landis Leather Shiver Machine* Heavy Harness Leather* Chap Leather* Buffer* Biothene Harness Making Material* Stainless Steel Hardware (For Buckles, Heel Chains, Rings, Etc.)* Leather Tools. **For More Information, Please Call Pat at 639-840-2497 or Barry at 306-344-7662.**

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On July 25, 2017, Mrs. Louise Dewan of Elk Point passed away at the age of 80 years. She is survived by her 2 sons, Real (Nancy) of Bonnyville & Clay (Diane) of Elk Point; 2 daughters, Anelle (Chris) Raab of Cochrane & Korrol (Travis) Edgingfield of St. Paul; 8 grandchildren, Jay, Jennifer, Trevor, Wyatt, Andrea, Atlas, Asher & Aira; 2 great-grandchildren, Shelby & Casper; brother, Earl (Lillian) LaBine; 2 sisters, Kathy (George) Hibbs & Adeline (Bill) Halverson; 2 sisters-in-law, Hermine & Jean LaBine; numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Eldred; son, Ferris; granddaughter, Crystal; sister, Agnes (Harry) Dunn; 4 brothers, Wilfred, Floyd, Melvin & Oliver (Angie). A Funeral Service was held on Monday, July 31 at 1:00 p.m. at Grace Gardens Funeral Chapel, St. Paul. Reverend Father Gerard Gauthier officiated with interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery, St. Paul. If desired, donations may be made to AHS Elk Point Healthcare Centre c/o 5626-51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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The camp is spacious and easily accessible, with amenities such as a volleyball net, a rustic

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Duties will include:

- Setting up and organizing the layout of the polling station room
- Aiding voters in completing Voting Register Form
- Issuing ballots to voters
- Ensuring voters cast their votes in secret and place ballots in the ballot box
- Executing ballot count
- Dismantling and cleaning polling station room
- Delivering sealed ballot boxes and required forms to County Administration Office on Election night
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